

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney recently requested an interview in this case, which was refused. An RCE has now been filed to remove finality, and applicants again request an interview.

With respect to the rejection of claim 11, applicants previously argued that Koji does not disclose a replenishing source that replenishes the liquid crystal every time the crystal is supplied to the substrate. The examiner ignored this argument in his response to those arguments (pages 7-8 of the office action). After all, Koji at least does not disclose a liquid crystal replenishing source that includes the piston recited in claim 11. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

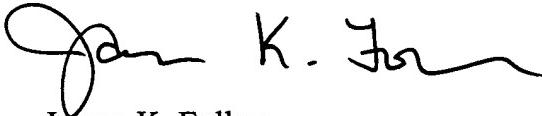
Independent claim 1 stands rejected on the basis of Yamaki et al. Applicants previously argued that Yamaki et al. do not disclose dropping down liquid crystal by an external force, and the examiner did not address that argument on pages 7 and 8 of the office action, either. The examiner also did not address applicants' arguments with respect to independent claims 6 or 7.

Applicants' previous arguments are reasserted, and applicants respectfully request an interview prior to the next action on the merits, unless the case is allowed.

Applicants' attorney requests that the examiner call him when the examiner addresses this case, to schedule an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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